

**MARTIN CITY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 21, 2022, LIETZ HALL, MARTIN CITY, MT
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present: President-Greg Doggett, Officers-Cindy Doggett, Ed Benton, and Jim Zerbe
Chief Operator/General Manager-Ben Shafer, and Clerk-Mary Margaret Alexander.

Absent: Tyler Lentz

The Minutes for May 17, 2022 were approved by unanimous consent.

Public guests: Nenad Mitrovic, 351 Hungry Horse Dam Rd, was introduced. Mr. Mitrovic is requesting annexation of the 40 acre parcel at 351 Hungry Horse Dam Rd. He told us a little about himself, stating for now he has no intentions of building more than one home at this time on the property he wishes to have annexed, although maybe down the road he might. The Board President, Greg Doggett, stated to Mr. Mitrovic he needs to understand the request for Annexation, Ordinance 2022-01, can only be approved with the understanding that service will, at this time, be provided for this home only. Any requests for future connections to the MCCWD water system from this parcel will be subject to further evaluations of system capacity. Mr. Mitrovic said he understood, and also noted he will be more than happy to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the property and the new build. The first reading of the Ordinance 2022-01 was made, noting there needs to be correction where it says Water/Sewer to Water. First read passed with a vote of For: 4; Against: 0; Absent 1. The second reading and vote will take place at the next Board Meeting on July 18, 2022.

Operator Report:

- Chief Operator/General Manager Ben Shafer reported the Lietz Hall, June 6th 2022 bacteriological water test results for coliform was satisfactory.
- Ben stated he has updated the Work Order list and the O & M strategy for work accomplished as of today.
- Connie Strey home – Mark is handling this.
- Both the Jesse Mack and Tom Torpen meter pits have been completed.
- New service to Jones, Account #53, which Ben hopes to handle.
- Work Orders – Ben has updated completion dates on the Work Order Log to what he felt were more realistic dates.

System Total Reports:

- The Board reviewed the System Totals Reports with not out-of-expectations water loss of 75,774 gallons for May.
- The Usage Reports (which showed 7 zero readings, 6 were empty lots, Zika's remains suspect), the Usage and Loss Report, and the Comparison Report were reviewed next.

Financial Reports:

- The Clerk summarized the District's financial statements for May 2022. The Flathead County Finance Department's deposit into MCCWD's Tax Roll Fund #7273 for May 2022 equaled \$6,351.59, and an interest distribution of \$52.37 was recorded for the Capital Investment Fund #7274. There were no comments or questions on the District's Balance Sheets, nor on the Clerk's timesheets.
- The Disbursement Report for June 15, 2022 stated two payments, totaling \$4,303.50 due to reimbursements to Mark Hemmingway for purchases from Ferguson Waterworks for meter pits expecting to be used in 2022.
- There was also a payment to Cincinnati Insurance company in the amount of \$2,992.00
- There was a refund to Joseph Pyskaty as he closed his account due to a sale of his property and he had an excess in his Customer Deposit.
- Tom Torpen also received a refund of money deposited as an estimate to complete the new pit installation. The meter was reused and there was no XTR installed.
- **A motion to approve the Disbursement Reports dated June 15, 2022 was made by Greg, seconded by Jim, and unanimously approved by the Board.**

Adjustment Reports:

- The Adjustments Reports depicted one turn off fee, two turn on fees and the three fees for Posting by the Chief Operator of the customers for two-months or more past due, and fees for new service installations.

Old Business:

- Done Dirty, LLC estimate, in the amount of \$1,855, for generator enclosure at Glacier Hills Pumphouse was discussed. Ben was asked to follow-up with Tyler concerning installation and painting as he hasn't moved forward on the project. If Tyler isn't able to complete the project, it will need to go out for new bids.
- Storage tank lining work order now has 2 bids, Ben is hoping to get a third. There was discussion on the difference between the two bids (one from MIDCO and the second from Advanced). Ben will check with Potable Divers, the company who cleaned the tank last year. It was noted that Advanced was using a liner where as MIDCO was painting on the lining. Advanced would give a 10 year warranty and MIDCO warranty was only for one year. There was also a discussion as to how much it would cost to keep continuing water service during the installation. Advanced did state that would be an extra charge, MIDCO made no mention of it. Neither bid included a mixing system to keep ice from forming in tank. Ben said he would check with both companies regarding these costs. The goal is to have this project completed before the winter season of 2022.
- Remaining 2 hydrant locks will be ordered by Ben. Hopefully the install will go smoothly and a new WO will be created.
- Mike Baker service was pumped out by Ben. Ben will check it to see if it holds. Greg

is interested to find out if the pumping out of water holds or if it floods again.

New Business:

- Montana Water Court notification was noted as received and will be available for all to read. Ben stated he will read as he also received a copy.
- Ben mentioned there will be new rules from the EPA & DEQ regarding lead and copper water sampling. These rules are still be finalized, but Ben is giving the Board a “heads up”. Ben mentioned the new system was installed in 1986, which probably means the main lines and everything to the point of the meters is lead free. However, it is unknown if there is documentation of customer service lines composition between the meter pit and structure. There are many houses in town which have been in place for much longer than the new system. Ben expects MRWS & DEQ will be forthcoming with guidance as the 2024 data approaches.
- Greg mentioned we are working on the draft budget for the county. He would like to include a revenue target of \$32,000, up from \$30,000, due to inflation. This might increase the mil rate, which will be determined in August.
- Mr. Mitrovic's Petition for Annexation was handled at the beginning of meeting.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

- None mentioned.

Next Meeting:

- Scheduled for July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

- As there were no other items to discuss, Jim made a motion at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn and Greg seconded it; all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Margaret Alexander
Clerk, MCCWD